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1. S. SHIMOTSU et al., "LiNbO₃ Optical Single-Sideband Modulator", 25th Optical Fiber Communication Conference, March 2000, PD16-1-PD16-4.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-249094, published September 17, 1999, with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 61-13231, published January 21, 1986.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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